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***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 8/2/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims.

Applicant states that claim 17 has been cancelled. However, it appears that claim 17 has not been cancelled.

Applicant further states that claim 3 has been amended to include the limitation "pure" water. However, the claim does not contain this limitation.

Furthermore, even if the claim contains the limitation to pure water, the claim would not be enabled by the specification.

Number 11. on page 19, states that the acid/water mixture **must** be agitated during dissociation of the acid (emphasis added).

It appears that this limitation must be explicitly recited in the claim, because it **must** occur.

This application further contains claims drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in the reply filed on 10/26/07. A **complete reply** to the final rejection **must** include **cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144)** See MPEP § 821.01.

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